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C. A. HARWELL, NEXT SPEAKER

Continuing our first, war-time season with a FREE, open-to-the-public lecture, the St. Louis Bird Club will present C. A. Harwell of Berkeley, California, in a completely novel program of all-color, motion pictures, entitled "Music of the Out-of-Doors". St. Louis University Auditorium, 3642 Lindell Blvd., will be the scene, and the time, 8 P.M. Friday, October 23rd. Mr. Harwell, formerly Park Naturalist at Yosemite and now California Representative of the National Audubon Society, is noted as an outstanding bird imitator. His lecture features amazingly accurate bird imitations, colorfully pointed up with piano accompaniment. His melodious whistling is an added accomplishment. Bring your friends, and come and see his exciting shots of a Costa Hummingbird at nest in a Finger Cactus, the Vermillion Flycatcher and Ash-throated Flycatcher at nests, the Black-chinned Sparrow taking a glorious bath in a desert water-hole and many other amazing sights!



C. A. Harwell

A PRE-VUE OF OUR PROGRAMS

It hardly seems possible, in this year of stress, that the St. Louis Bird Club could maintain its standard of excellence in lectures, but the truth is that it has been surpassed! We can give you but a brief glimpse of the exciting attractions in store . . . Maslowski, Storer

and Bailey need no comment after their highly interesting appearances here last year . . . Alexander Sprunt, Jr., whose marvelous National Audubon Society lectures you've heard of . . . W. F. Kubichek's extraordinary pictures of the Western Grebe actually walking on water . . . Virginia Eifert's original illustrations from her book, "Birds in your Backyard" . . . and a brand-new lecture by Dr. A. A. Allen, Cornell University. And to think, with the exception of one, these lectures are entirely free to the public! The Eifert and Link lectures are for members

and their guests only, and the Allen lecture will be Bird Club Loyalty Night when a small charge will be made to help cover the cost of the season.

BIRD CLUB MEMBERS! Here's your wonderful 1942-43 Lecture Schedule!

Sept. 28 Rev. George M. Link, Pere Marquette State Park, Ill. "Habits of Certain Common Birds Around St. Louis."

Oct. 23 C. A. Harwell, Berkeley, Calif. "Music of the Out-of-Doors."

Nov. 30 John H. Storer, Waltham, Mass. "Wings West From Florida."

Jan. 4 Virginia Eifert, Springfield, Ill. "Birds in Your Back Yard."

Jan. 19 Karl H. Maslowski, Cincinnati, Ohio. "From Seashore to Glacier."

Feb. 8 W. F. Kubichek, Washington, D.C. "Haunts for the Hunted."

March 2 Alfred M. Bailey, Denver, Colo. "Color in the Southwest."

April 5 A. A. Allen, Ithaca, N. Y. "Listening in on the Home Life of Birds."

May 7 Alexander Sprunt, Jr., Charleston, S.C. "Shooting Wildlife With a Camera."



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A NEW SEASON!

In a season when some organizations are discontinuing their normal activities, the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Bird Club, after much consideration, has decided to carry on the Club lectures. This will be good news for many. For, with gas and tire rationing, with increased work schedules, leisure hours in the country are almost dreams of the past. But of all times, perhaps now is when we most need some sort of hobby and certainly relaxation. Nature lovers who can no longer go out to find nature will have to have nature come to them . . . come in the form of glorious pictures in color and motion and explained by the country's outstanding lecturers. And so, we present our 1942-43 series, confident that you will receive maximum enjoyment and refreshment from these charming evenings away from present-day cares. Why not share these evenings with others? Bring your friends!

Be a Ten-Percenter!

AUDUBON MEETING CHANGED

Curtailed transportation means no Fall meeting of the Missouri Audubon Society. Regional meetings are scheduled. In St. Louis, the Fall meeting will be held the week-end of Oct. 23rd, with the St. Louis Bird Club and Webster Groves Nature Study Society as hosts. Albert Berkowitz is chairman of the meeting. Call him at CE. 2525 days or RO. 0146 evenings for details. Briefly, the meeting will consist of the Friday Harwell lecture; a Saturday afternoon field trip at 2 o'clock at Lake Park, Ill. (reached by bus); a barbecue at 7:30 P.M. Saturday with Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Klinkerfuss hosts at their home on Chambers Road (reservations must be made before Oct. 23rd by calling Mr. Berkowitz); a Sunday morning field trip at Rankin (reached by bus); and at 4 P.M. Sunday the meeting will end with the dedication of the fire tower at Rockwoods Reservation. You are invited.

FATHER LINK CHARMS

So popular is Father Link as a lecturer that 300 people attended the Club's opening meeting of the season on Sept. 28th. Such an attendance was particularly complimentary to the speaker as the lecture was limited to "members and their guests only." Special guests were members of the Webster Groves and St. Louis Nature Study Societies, who admired Father Link's sparkling personality, looked at bird nests, and revelled in stories about bird-life at wonderful Pere Marquette State Park.

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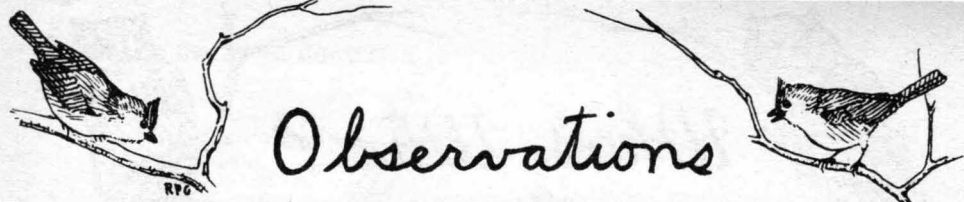
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BECOME A SUSTAIN



This Fall has been one of the finest for Shore Birds in years with St. Louis and St. Charles Counties dotted with ponds and lakes following the July floods. Here's an example of one day's birding: Aug. 22nd; Creve Coeur; Bolinger, Vollmar, Patton, Einspanier, M. Freer, L. Freer, Fischer, Lehmann, O'Moran, Wolfe, Short; 1 Black-bellied Plover and 1 Golden Plover, both adults in full breeding plumage and side by side, 5 Sanderlings, 1 Stilt Sandpiper, and miscellaneous other Shore Birds. Other observations: Aug. 15th; Creve Coeur; Smith, Bolinger, Vollmar, Short; 5 Black-bellied Plovers in breeding plumage, 1 long-billed Dowitcher.

Aug. 15th; Lambert Field; H. Comfort; 8 Black-bellied Plovers. Aug. 19th; Creve Coeur; Ernst, Short; 2 Sanderlings, 1 Western Sandpiper, 1 Black-bellied Plover. Sept. 5th; Creve Coeur; Ernst, Elliott; 7 White-rumped Sandpipers. Sept. 6; St. Charles Co.; J. Comfort, H. Comfort, the Days; 4 Golden Plovers. Sept. 12th; Creve Coeur; Jimmy Jackson; 1 Ruddy Turnstone. On many occasions Stilt Sandpipers were seen: Aug. 13; St. Charles Co.; two observed by Miss Ernst. Sept. 7th; Creve Coeur; one by Short, M. Hill (also one Sanderling). Sept. 12th; near West Lake Park, St. Louis Co.; one seen by Bolinger, Vollmar, Einspanier, Patton, O'Moran, Wolfe, Short, Ettinger, Lehmann, Henke (also one Long-billed Dowitcher). Sept. 15th; Creve Coeur; 5 by Wayne Short. Sept. 27th; St. Charles Co.; one by Dr. and Mrs. Zempel (also one Long-billed Dowitcher).

IMPORTANT!

The Club's fiscal year runs from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st. Unfortunately because the budget is figured on a September to September basis. Although dues for 1943 need not be paid until Jan. 1st, we urge you to send your dues now to Mrs. Grummann, 7330 Dorset, University City, so that Fall Club expenses can be met.

Equally as wonderful as Shore Birds this Fall have been the Herons. American Egrets were the most abundant since the turn of the century. It was not unusual to count a thousand individuals on a single field-trip in St. Louis and St. Charles Counties, and a flock of three or four hundred in one spot at a time was an ordinary sight. There were some of the rare Snowys too. Miss Ernst reported one near the Alton Dam on Aug. 13th; Wayne Short found a flock of five at Creve Coeur on Aug. 25th, which were seen

later the same day by Marvin Beckmann and Reed Harkness, and by Alberta Bolinger and Helen O'Moran on Aug. 29th; single Snowys were seen by H. Comfort, J. Comfort, Helen Hill, and Mrs. Clinton Day on Sept. 6 and by Wayne Short on Sept. 18th. Wayne Short reported a Yellow-crowned Night Heron in St. Charles Co. on Aug. 17th, Miss Ernst and Ethel Wolfe seeing it a few days later.

Best chance for "Bird of the Year" honors: a Purple Gallinule. On May 7th at the Deusing meeting, this bird stole the show when exhibited by O. C. K. Hutchinson of Alton, Illinois, who had identified the specimen as a Purple Gallinule when it was found exhausted near Alton. Nursing it back to health, Mr. Hutchinson had it in tip-top shape for the Deusing meeting, and what a sensation it caused!

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"New Members! New Members!" That's our Fall song. The time is ripe . . . a new series of lectures, more issues of the Bulletin, future Bird Walks . . . all you need for a good sales talk. Use this as your clincher: Anyone joining now will be a paid-up member until Jan. 1st, 1944! We're counting on you to get at least one new member.

NEW MEMBER NOW!



Who's Who?



Some of our proud contributions to the Armed Services: Richard P. Grossenheider, whose Army address very appropriately is the Pigeon Loft, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; John H. Gerard, with the Coast Guard, presently stationed at St. Louis; Col. Jos. E. Vollmar, somewhere in England; James Earl Comfort, at Camp Robinson, Arkansas; William Jenner, becoming a meteorologist at Rantoul, Ill.; Ralph Sunderman, at the Pensacola, Florida Naval Station; William Holzmarm, Jr. and Jim Comfort, at Great Lakes, Ill.; O. A. Wilson, last heard from at Fort Benning, Georgia; Arthur Christ, at Jefferson Barracks; George Onk, Army air corp reserve, stationed at LaGuardia; and C. Wickham Moore, in the Navy at Detroit. Let's hear from others.

Albert Berkowitz is now a member of the Board of Directors of the Club, replacing James Earl Comfort.

Edward K. Love, Honorary Member of the Club, was awarded the title of "Master Conservationist" at this summer's Missouri State Fair. Mr. Love was one of four conservation leaders so honored by the Missouri Conservation Commission.

People you'll be seeing lots of: Helen O'Moran, in charge of membership applications at each meeting; Helen Einspanier, who handles Club stationery and Jones' Check-Lists; Ethel Wolfe, she of the Poster Stamps; Ethel Von Hahn, door chairman, in charge of "hand-outs", ably assisted as the demands arise by Beulah Bedell, Ethel Heuser, Mildred Reese, Catherine Wood, and Tillie Hollmann.

Back in St. Louis after several months of work in Arkansas—Catherine Wood. Welcome home!

Bird Club members roamed to Wisconsin this summer to visit with hospitable Mrs. Stephen Brouwer, formerly Dr. Pearl Thompson, now one of our out-state Sustaining members. There at various times during the summer were: S. B. Heckler and Wayne Short; Ethel Heuser; and Mrs. Ernst Webb.

Scheduled to address the Ornithology Group of the Webster Groves Nature Study Society at the home of Frances Pickel, 133 E. Washington, Kirkwood, on Oct. 30th: Miss L. R. Ernst. Wayne Short gave a talk before the same group in September on Shore Birds.

New Sustaining Members since April: E. G. Cherbonnier, S. B. Heckler, Mrs. Ernst Jonas, John W. Thomsen, H. F. Urbauer, Mrs. H. F. Urbauer, A. W. Wentz.

New Active members since April: Duff Allen, Jr., Bill Bauer, Mrs. Harry E. Bradley, Arthur Christ, Cora Conklin, A. W. Dreyer, Lillian B. Dorais, Mrs. Lewis B. Ely, J. Emerson Finney, Edwin Gilcher, Bertha Hensel, Edith M. Johnston, Cecilia M. Lehmann, Edith Long, Don Lundstedt, George I. Lueke, Hilda Mohr, Bertha Mueller, Mrs. Wm. Todd Nicoll, Myron Northrop, Laurence W. O'Neil, Jane Philpott, George A. Potthoff, Rt. Rev. William Scarlett, Mrs. William Scarlett, Rose Schleich, S. Edward Scott, E. Viola Sickel, Ella Stuckenberg, Mrs. John Tartaro, Virginia B. Townsend, Mary Tyler, S. R. Tyler, Mrs. S. R. Tyler, Jos. E. Vollmar, Jr., Mrs. Jos. E. Vollmar, Jr., Anna M. Wall.

Hats off to the Club President, Wayne Short, who handled all the worrisome details involved in scheduling our superb lecture season.

Missing: Luther Ely Smith. But, only on an extended, well-earned vacation.

Our members are certainly cooperating with the garden clubs as is evidenced by talks on birds given by these top bird speakers: Mrs. G. H. Klinkerfuss addressed the Clayton Garden Club on Sept. 28th; Mrs. Jos. E. Vollmar gave a bird talk before group nine of the Webster Groves Garden Club on October 1st and is scheduled for the Marguerite Krueger Conservation Club meeting at Stix, Baer and Fuller on Nov. 19th; Mrs. H. R. Grummann appeared before the Delphinium Garden Club on May 15th, the St. Clair Garden Club on Aug. 4, and the Harmony Garden Club on Sept. 23. Mrs. Grummann also received a warm reception from 350 children, guests of the Women's Club of Red Bud, Ill., May 12th, in another of her excellent bird talks.

Married during the summer: Marian Pough and Lloyd Freer. Our heartiest congratulations!

Mrs. Albert A. Heinze is the St. Louis Bird Club's delegate to the newly-formed Council of Natural Resources. In fact she's a Vice-president of the Council. And doing a bang-up job.

CHANGE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO SUSTAINING!

TO MEMBERS AND INTERESTED FRIENDS

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You are cordially invited to attend this FREE lecture.

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